

AN ACT

relating to the duty of an attorney ad litem appointed for a child to meet with the child or individual with whom the child resides before each court hearing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 107.004, Family Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d-1) A meeting required by Subsection (d) must take place:

(1) a sufficient time before the hearing to allow the attorney ad litem to prepare for the hearing in accordance with the child's expressed objectives of representation; and

(2) in a private setting that allows for confidential communications between the attorney ad litem and the child or individual with whom the child ordinarily resides, as applicable.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

H.B. No. 3311

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Joe Straus

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3311 was passed by the House on May 4, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3311 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

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